

ONLY THE BEST YET WILL DO, WYCOMBE

WYCOMBE Wanderers travel to Walton and Hersham tomorrow (Saturday) in the F.A. Cup, third qualifying round, where they will be faced by a side who have not conceded defeat at their Stompond Lane ground since March 4 last year when Wycombe themselves beat them 2-1 in the Amateur Cup, third round.

As well as that impressive record, Walton have conceded only two goals on their own ground this season — by the Met. Police in their 2-2 F.A. Cup first round draw. In nine home games, there have been eight 'shut-outs.'

They are second only to Hendon at the top of the Isthmian League with a defensive record that speaks for itself — only six goals against them in 15 outings.

These are the sort of facts up against Wycombe tomorrow.

Two sides have overcome Walton in the league this term — St. Albans and Sutton (both 2-0). Leatherhead took a point from them in a 0-0 draw. In the St. Albans match two Walton players were sent off — Roger Connell and Dave Donaldson.

Clive Foskett is their top scorer and Wycombe fans had a preview of the player on Tuesday evening when he turned out for the Rest of the League. Foskett has scored 14 of the 22 goals, followed by Roger Connell 7, and big Keiron Somers 5.

Walton have had their fair share of injury worries this season — including their complete back four who were all out through injury at one time. There are still doubts over International full back Micky Cooper while Billy Edwards, another full back, is judged only 50-50.

Newcomers to the club this

season include Foskett, Cooper (Hendon) and Derek Ross (Q.P.R. junior). Les Burgess also joined later in the season from St. Albans but is cup-tied.

On the road to the third round Walton were held 2-2 by Met. Police but promptly won the replay at Imber Court 6-1. Staines were beaten 3-0 in the next round and after a 2-2 draw at Leytonstone, the East London side fell 3-0 in the replay, Foskett grabbing two goals.

The news from Wycombe is good. There is only one injury doubt, Ian Rundle, who has toe trouble. Otherwise the side will

be chosen from the full squad — and the final selection could be troublesome.

Tony Amos and Mick Hollifield are bidding for the number seven shirt while Paul Birdseye and Dave Bullock are both in contention if Rundle is ruled out.

Wanderers manager Brian Lee has no illusions about the task ahead of him. "I rate Walton as the best side in the league," he said. "They are a very well balanced team and had a good first season in the league last year. They have strengthened their side and have still got the drive to win something."

Wanderers cannot afford anything other than a 100 per cent tomorrow. It is a fact that they play better football against top sides but to win at Walton tomorrow they will have to play well above their recent performances.

WYCOMBE WANDERERS: (possible team); J. Maskell, I. Rundle (or P. Birdseye), D. Gamblin, G. Olson, J. Delaney, R. Williams, M. Hollifield, L. Pritchard, K. Searle, A. Horseman, J. Hutchinson, sub A. Amos.

WALTON AND HERSHAM: (possible team); R. Teale, R. Thomas, W. Edwards, C. Lambert, D. Donaldson, D. Bassett, W. Smith, D. Morris, C. Woffinden, R. Connell, K. Somers, C. Foskett, sub D. Ross.

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE

(up to 18/10/72)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hendon	16	13	3	0	39	7	29
Walton & H	15	12	1	2	21	6	25
Enfield	17	10	4	3	41	18	24
Walt'slow	17	8	7	2	31	15	23
Wycombe W	16	10	2	4	29	10	22
Bishop's S	16	8	6	2	22	11	22
Tooting & M	16	8	4	4	35	19	20
Sutton U	17	8	4	5	24	17	20
Dulwich H	17	7	5	5	25	20	19
Ilford	19	7	4	8	27	36	18
Kingstonian	15	8	2	5	19	20	17
Leatherhead	16	6	4	6	23	13	16
Hayes	16	9	4	6	22	20	16
Woking	16	6	3	7	21	23	15
Barking	17	5	4	8	23	24	14
Leytonstone	16	5	4	7	24	26	14
Hilling T	17	2	9	25	28	14	7
St. Albans C	17	4	2	11	18	34	10
Bromley	17	2	3	12	10	30	7
Corinthian C	14	1	3	10	8	37	5
Oxford C	17	0	4	13	11	53	4
Clapton	14	0	3	11	10	42	3

MEET THE WALTON SQUAD

WALTON and Hersham manager Alan Batsford has moulded together a highly successful side over the six years he has been with the club. Batsford himself is 39 and played for Arsenal, Folkestone and Margate. A full F.A. coach, he is a fitness fanatic.

Under his guidance Walton have won the Athenian League, finished runner-up twice and won the Premier Midweek Floodlight League three times. They have also been runners-up twice.

His squad is as follows;

RICHARD TEALE (goalkeeper) — Former Q.P.R. junior, who has played for the Rangers reserve team on a number of occasions. 19 years old, 6ft 2ins tall, he is very agile for his size.

ROY THOMAS (right back) — Walton's most recent signing and another former Q.P.R. junior. Played for Enfield last season.

CHRIS LAMBERT (centre half) — Joined Walton from Hampshire League side Aiton Town two seasons ago. Strong and resourceful in the tackle and in the air.

DAVE DONALDSON (sweeper) — Recently won recognition for his outstanding club performances by being selected for the Welsh Amateur international training squad.

BILLY EDWARDS (left back) — A former Spurs junior, who is rated one of the best young full-backs in the country and is particularly dangerous on overlap.

DAVE BASSETT (mid-field) — Walton skipper and current England international, who joined the club three seasons ago from Hayes. Plays mainly in a defensive mid-field role.

WILLIE SMITH (mid-field) — Brilliant ball artist, who came from Sutton at the start of last season. He won three caps for England on

last year's Scandinavian tour.

DAVID MORRIS (mid-field) — Another gifted attacking player, who has been at Walton for three seasons. Formerly with Dagenham and Slough Town.

COLIN WOFFINDEN (forward) — Joined Walton from Sutton at start of the season. His form has been somewhat erratic but on his day he can be brilliant.

ROGER CONNELL (forward) — Former Slough and Enfield star, who scored 39 goals for Walton last season. Eager to renew his rivalry with former colleague at Slough John Delaney in an aerial battle, which could hold the key to the match.

KEIRON SOMERS (forward) — Like Connell is 6ft tall and has been with Walton for five seasons. One of the best headers of a ball in amateur football.

COLIN FOSKETT (forward) — Walton snatched him from Athenian League football at the start of the season. He has come good with 14 goals in 19 league and cup games.

DEREK ROSS (defence of mid-field) — The third of Walton's former Q.P.R. juniors.